



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: September 17, 2003

Signature: Mary Jane Palma

(Mary Jane Palma)

Docket No.: HMSU-P14-006
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tabin et al.

Application No.: 09/711724

Confirmation No.: 7675

Filed: November 13, 2000

Art Unit: 1646

For: SCREENING ASSAYS FOR HEDGEHOG
AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS

Examiner: Michael T. Brannock

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. HMSU-P14-006 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 17, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By David P. Halstead

David P. Halstead, Ph.D.

Registration No.: 44,735

ROPES & GRAY LLP

One International Place

Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2624

(617) 951-7000

(617) 951-7050 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant